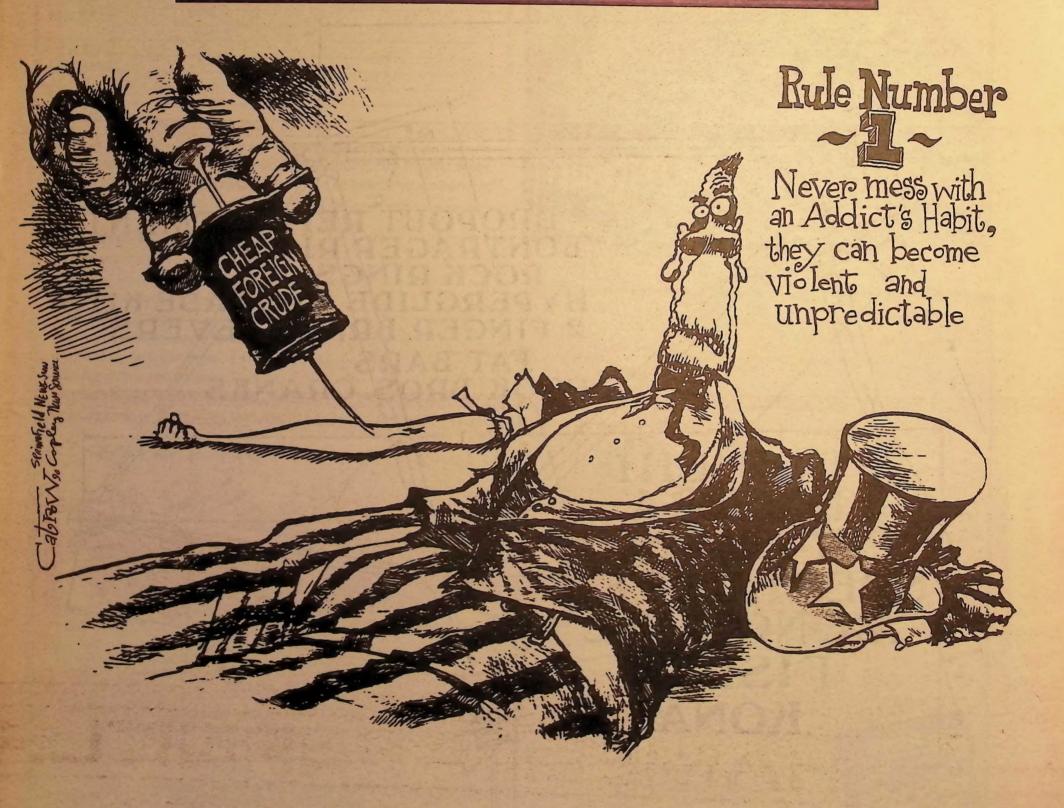
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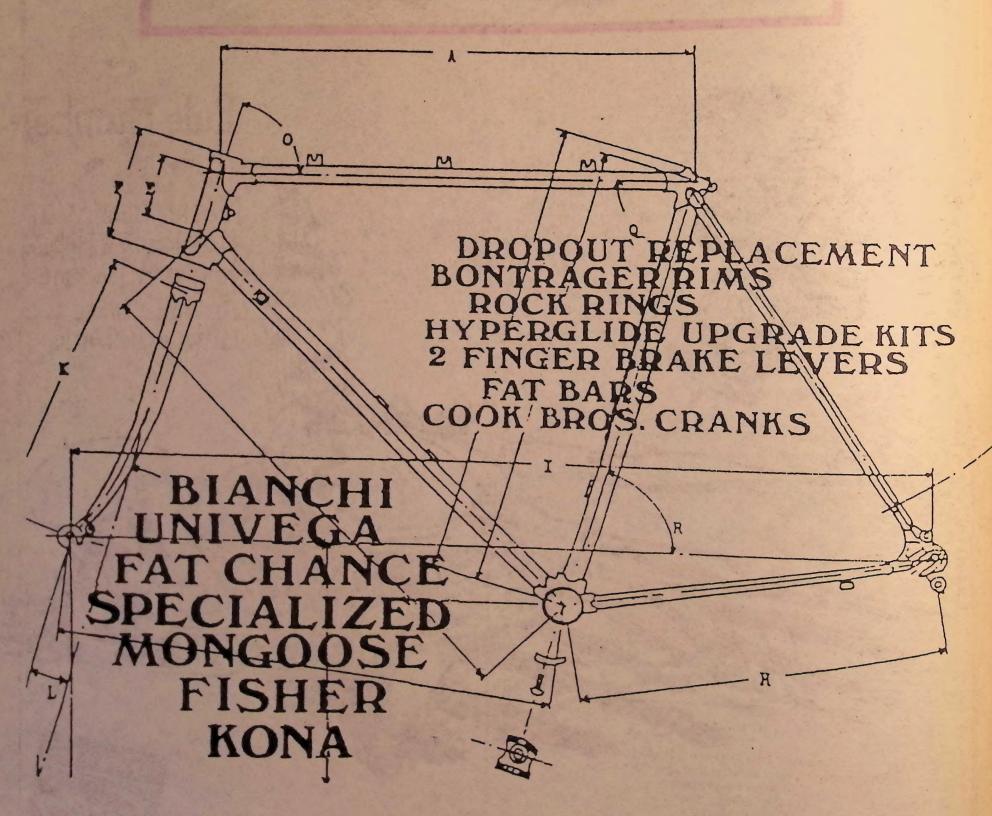
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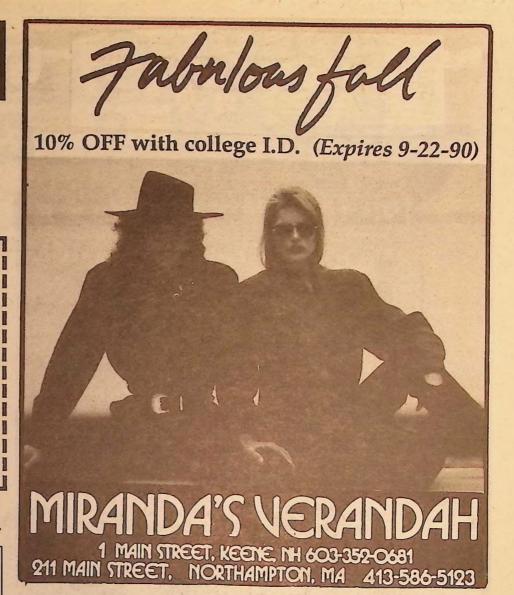
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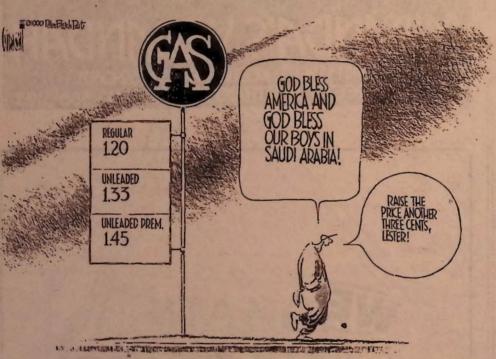


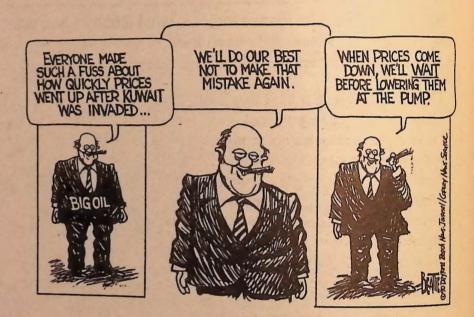


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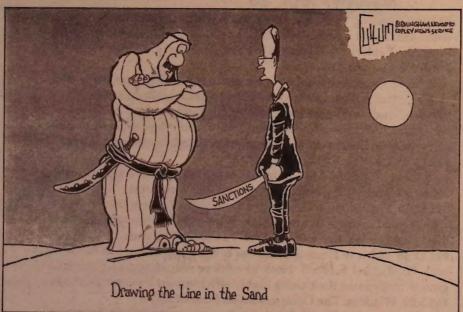
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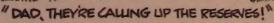
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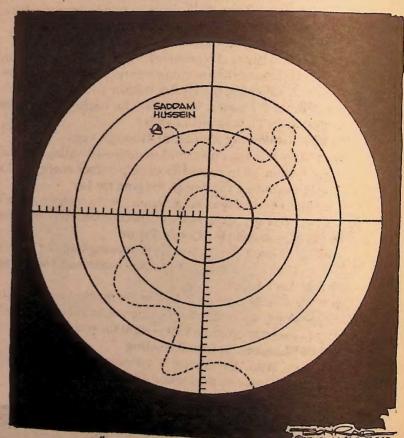




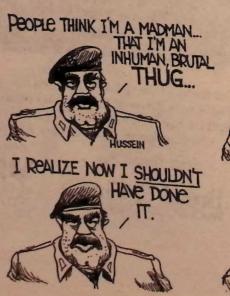








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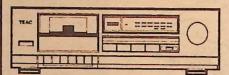




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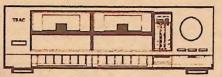
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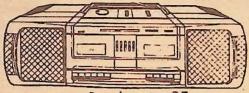
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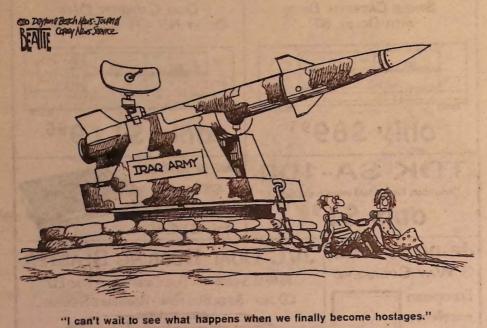
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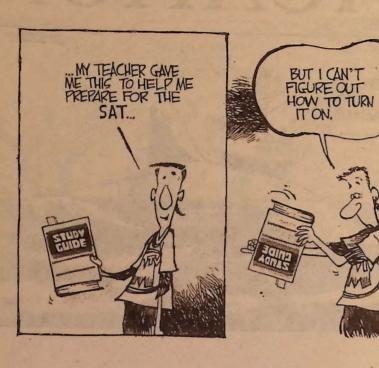








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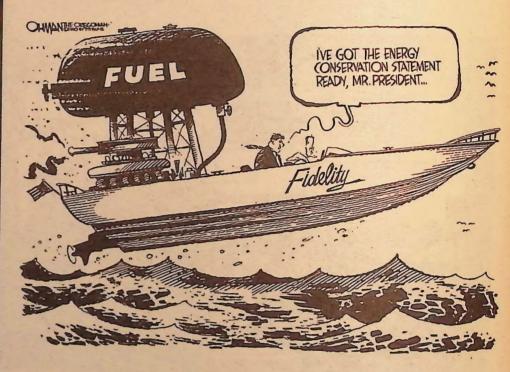
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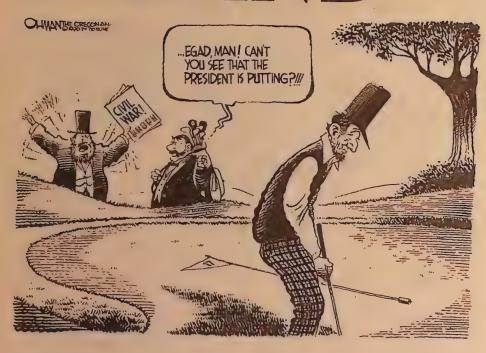
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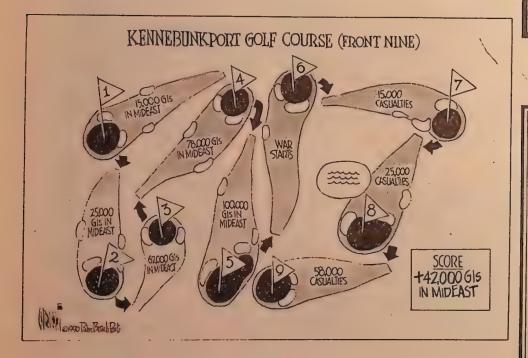






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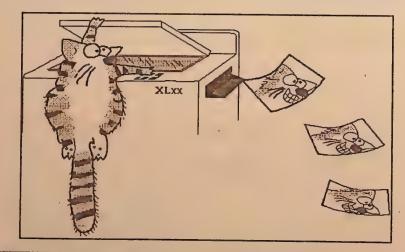
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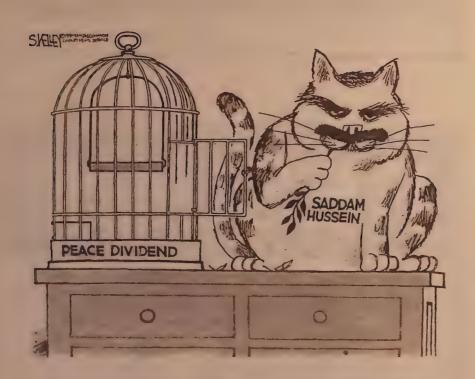
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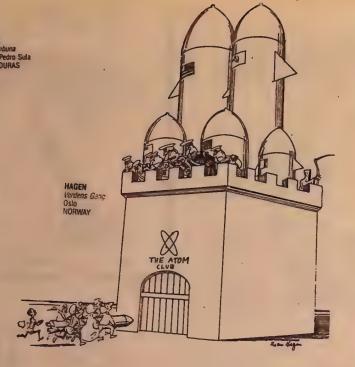
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Why the incidence of left-handedness among artists is higher than average is not known.

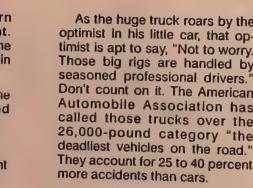
"How safe are modern parachutes?" asks a client. Remarkably safe, according to the statisticians. One deadly failure in every 66,666 jumps.

Q. Isn't the hysterectomy the most frequently performed surgery now?

A. Next to the cesarian, it is.

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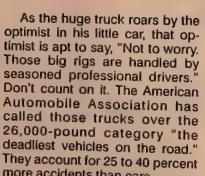
Car theft, that's the fastest growing crime in this country. Last I heard, a car was stolen every 30 seconds.

Q. Andrew Johnson became president when Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth? Did Johnson know Booth?

A. Indeed. They knew each other well. According to the historical footnotes, Johnson and Booth once "kept sister mistresses in Nashville.

A West Virginian writes: "It's not real hard to find moonshine stills in the mountain woods. Just follow the creeks upstream. What's real hard is staying alive after you find

Q. What was the first U.S. city to require recycling? A. Irvine, Calif.



Am told just about 95 percent of all the matter in the universe is



You might take a 15-minute nap every four hours to see if that makes a genius out of you. It's what Leonardo da Vinci did.

Q. Does Mars have rock slides? A. Short ones. Weaker gravity

Sports medicos say a woman's body temperature has to rise two to three degrees higher than a man's before she perspires.

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How can you possibly beat back those fire ants? One queen lays about 150 eggs an hour every waking hour of every day for six years.

What the whale has in common with the owl is fixed eyeballs. Still, there's a difference. To look behind it, the owl can turn its head, but the whale has to turn the whole whale.

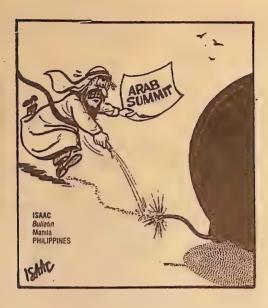
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Q. What was the best Big League baseball game ever by a relief pitcher?

A. How about Ernie Shore's performance on June 23, 1917, for the Boston Red Sox? A temperamental starting pitcher walked the first batter, argued with the umpire, and got tossed out. Shore came in to throw out the walked batter at second base, and pitch a no-hitter. That temperamental temporary pitcher, incidentally, was Babe Ruth.

Q. When the Vice President of the United States presides over the Senate, he is addressed as "Mr. President"? Why not "Mr. Vice President"?

A. Because he's President of the Senate.

If you like old houses, you might want to visit Ipswich, Mass. Claim is it has more 17th century homes still standing than any other town in America.

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A man in Montreal tried to rob a hotel. Police shot him in the head, not fatally. Picked up later, he mulled over a few facts in the hospital, and refused to let surgeons remove the bullet from his skull. It was the only hard evidence that could place him at the scene.

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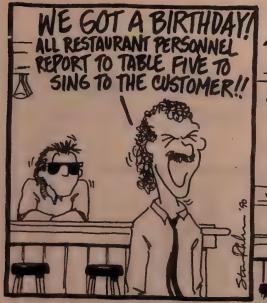
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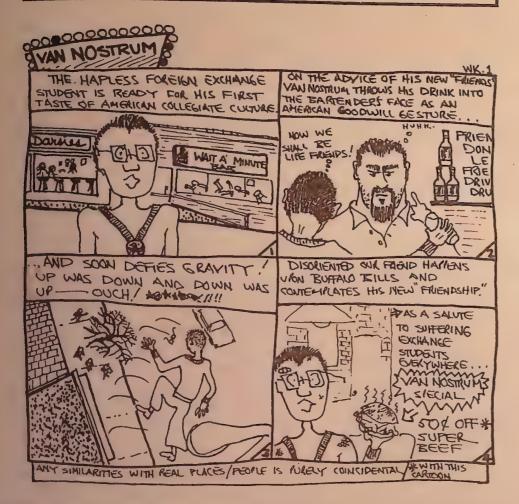
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overflowing rivers.

Floods in the midwestern U. S. forced more than 1,000 people from their homes and closed several stretches of highway. The National Weather Service reported that fish were seen swimming in some streets of Chicago flooded by downpours.

Tropical Storms

High winds, floods and mudslides from typhoon Zola killed three people as it lashed the southern half of Japan. The storm arrived at the beginning of "O-bon," the Festival of the Dead, when families gather to pay respects to their ancestors. Officials were forced to close several stretches of highways because of flooding, which caused the worst traffic snarl in

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Typhoon Yancy killed 11 people as it raked Taiwan with 90-mile-perhour winds. Later, the storm killed 120 on the Chinese mainland where heavy crop losses were reported. Hurricane Julio and tropical storm Kenna moved harmlessly over the eastern Pacific.

Roo Trophies

businessman Townsville, on Australia's northeast coast, plans to start stuffing 2,000 to 3,000 kangaroo heads per year to sell as trophies to overseas tourists. John Kreuger thinks there's a booming market for the heads, which he will sell for about \$40 each. He has been stuffing

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them for sale around Townsville for 26 years, and a few were marketed in other areas before protests by animal activists halted the practice. animal activists halted the practice. "Now the greenies are more preoccupied with the forests, the greenhouse effect and what have you, so I figure it'll be OK," Kreuger said. Rich Humphries, national coordinator for Greenpeace Australia, said he was "disgusted" by Kreuger's plans.

Drought

An International relief effort continued to bring supplies to areas of Namibia that are in the grip of a severe drought. Even in ease of the country, 80 per-cent of the wells have run dry, and farmers face complete crop failure.

The effects of the severe drought in Europe worsened. Hydroelectric power on the Danube and other major rivers has been significantly reduced due to low water levels.

Earthquakes

Two sharp aftershocks of Iran's devastating June 21 quake rocked the region near Gorgan and Bojnurd where almost 40,000 people died in the initial temblor. Three quakes, each registering at least 5 on the Richter scale, jolted central Japan, disrupting rail traffic for commuters. Earth movements were also felt on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, on the Soviet Far East's Sakhalin Island, and south of San Francisco. Two sharp aftershocks of

Hot Spot

Members of an international military force sent to defend Saudi Arabia against a possible Iraqi invasion were ordered to drink a quart of water an hour to ward off heat stroke. Temperatures in the on neatstroke. remperatures in the Saudi desert soared to over 100 degrees even in the early morning hours, then reached a scorching 110-115 degrees by mid-afternoon. A massive logistical operation was

launched to quench the thirst of these newly-arrived military men and women. The U.S. plans to fly in massive ice-making machines to supplement Dhahran's overstressed factory, whose daily output of 6,000 pounds is quickly consumed under the blazing summer sun.

By Steve Newman

Charming Discovery

A snake charmer who was called in to rid a home in southwest Bangladesh of cobras pulled 86 of the vipers from a final pulled 86. single hole. Witnesses say Ali Ak-abar caught each of the snakes, ranging in length from a foot to a yard, one by one. He also dug out yard, one by one. He also dug out 200 snake eggs from the same hole. Akabar said he has caught more than 15,000 poisonous snakes in the Satkhira district during the last few years.

Tropical Storms

Heavy rains from Typhoon Becky triggered a landslide that killed 12 students as it swept through a dormitory in the quake-ravaged northern Philippine town of Santa Fe. Another slide killed 48 gold-miners in a camp near Tuba City. Becky gained force as it later moved over the South China Sea, then skirted China's Hainan Island where trees were uprooted. The storm lashed the northern third of Vietnam late in the week.

Vietnam late in the week.

Typhoon Abe was approaching the Chinese mainland south of Shanghai on Friday. Hurricane Gustav and tropical storm Hortense passed over the open waters of the Atlantic. Hurricanes Lowell and Kenna churned the eastern Pacific.

Terrifying Twisters

A swarm of tornadoes ripped through northern Illinois, killing at least 26 people and destroying an apartment complex, a school, and 90 homes. "I went outside and looked. It doesn't look like our town anymore," said a teenaged football player after the storm passed. It was the deadliest twister in North America since May 25, 1987 when 29 people died in Saragosa, Texas.

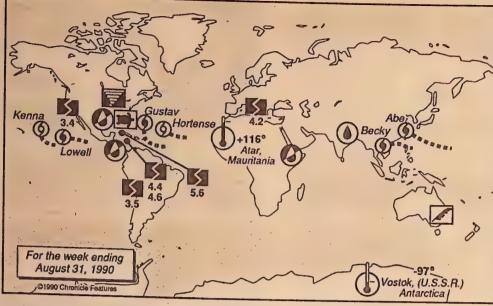
Monsoon

Monsoon rains claimed 50 more lives in western India, and unleashed further flooding from Nepalto Bangladesh. Landslides and erosion from surging rivers destroyed tens of thousands of homes. The southwest monsoon over the Indian subcontinent isn't likely to end until late September.

Drought

For a second consecutive year, seasonal rains have failed to arrive in most of Ethiopia. Up to 4.6 million people are faced with another round of famine.

A nationwide drought plaguing Nicaragua has caused extensive



crop failures, especially in the northeast where nearly half of the total grains sown has been lost.

A summer drought has turned Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp into a tinderbox, and overcrowded alligators have started to eat each other. Water levels in the 396,000 acre national refuge are at their lowest in 20 years.

Turtle Hospital

A small hotel in the Florida Keys has been turned into a makeshift laboratory to help discover why mysterious tumors are killing green turtles around the world. Fibropapilloma, a non-cancerous disorder, causes tumors to grow so dramatically that they can be fatal. The head and fins become very distorted, and then the turtles can no longer feed. Tina Brown and her boyfriend Richie Moretti, who own the Hidden Harbor Hotel in Marathon, began caring for the sick turtles in the reson's tidal pool five years

ago. Recent funding from local environmentalists has allowed them to bring in marine biologists, and to become the first research center in the world to investigate how the disease is transmitted. Some scientists believe it is a naturally occurring disease that is contracted after the turtles' immune systems have been weakened by swimming in polluted waters.

Earthquakes

Two moderate tremors joited Jamaica, and seismic experts fear that these might be a precursor to a bigger shock. Mona Campus, seismic spokeswoman for the University of the West Indies, said the frequency was similar to that of a series of small tremors which preceded the destructive 1907 Jamaica earthquake. Earth movements were also felt in Cuba, northern coastal Chile, Italy's northern Adriatic coast, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Lorikeet Lushes

Tropical birds near Bundaberg, Australia, are getting drunk on a roadside brew of fermented raw sugar, then staggering to their deaths in traffic. Dew settles on the roads overnight, dissolving sugar spilled off passing trucks from a local sugar mill. The lo-rikeets become intoxicated on the brew that results from fermentation in the hot sun. The potted parrots then wander into the path of passing cars and trucks. "All we could see was this squashed mass of green, with more birds still eating the sugar on the side of the road," said Rollyn Leslie after she and her husband found more than a dozen crushed parrots. Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service area manager Mike Harris said there was little that could be done to stop the birds and urged drivers to be more careful.

Additional Sources: U. S. Climate Analysis Center, U. S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.



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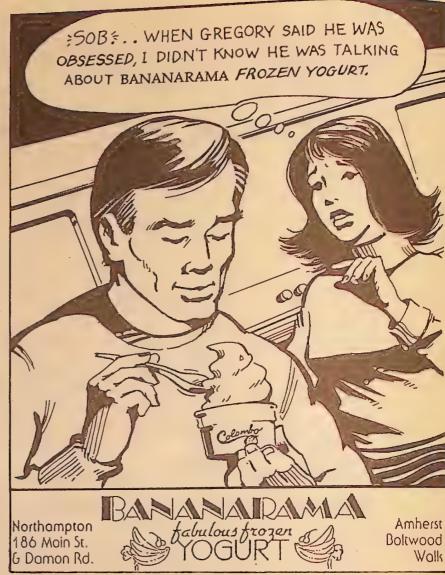


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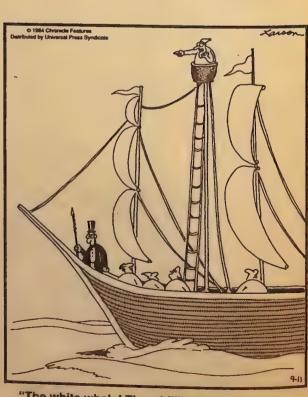
By GARY LARSON



"C'mon, c'mon, buddy! The heart! Hand over the heart! . . . And you with the brains! . . . Let's have 'em!"



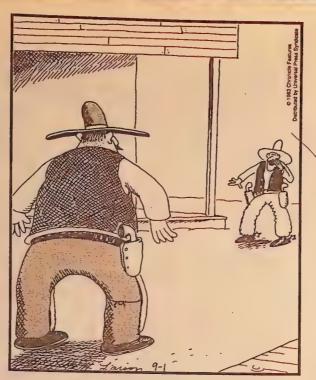
Suddenly, Professor Liebowitz realizes he has come to the seminar without his duck.



"The white whale! The whililite wh . . . No, no . . . My mistake! . . . A black whale! A regular blaaaaack whale!"



Humor at its lowest form.



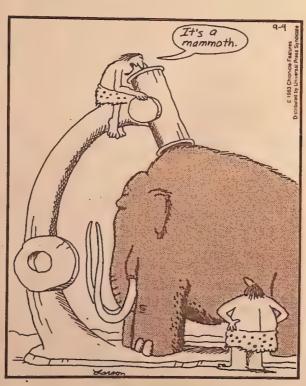
"Shoe's untied!"



"If we pull this off, we'll eat like kings."



"What the . . . Another little casket!!?"



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Snake dreams





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SO I KIDNAPPED HER STUPID DOLL! SHE DIDN'T NEED TO RETALIATE! CAN'T SHE TAKE A JOKE?!

GIRLS HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOR! THAT'S THEIR WHOLE PROBLEM!

ALL THIS WAS FUNNY UNTIL SHE DID THE SAME THING TO ME.









ALL RIGHT, SUSIE, I BROUGHT YOUR DUMB DOLL BACK! NOW LET HOBBES OUT, OK? FAIR'S FAIR!





I DUNNO, CALVIN. I'M THINKING I MIGHT RATHER



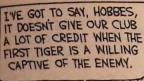






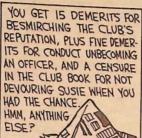








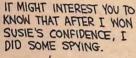






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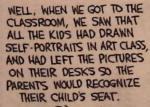


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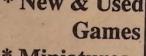
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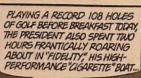
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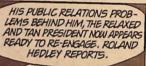
DAY 26. FOR WHAT SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY, HE WAS HELD HOSTAGE TO HIS COMIC-ALLY OBSESSIVE VACATION PLANS...





BUT TODAY PRESIDENT UN-CARTER FINALLY DECLARED HIMSELF RECREATED, AND FLEW BACK TO WASHINGTON ON AIR FORCE ONE...









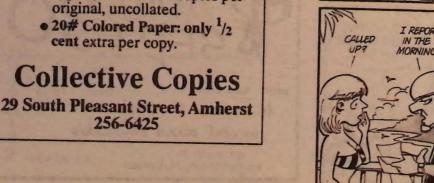












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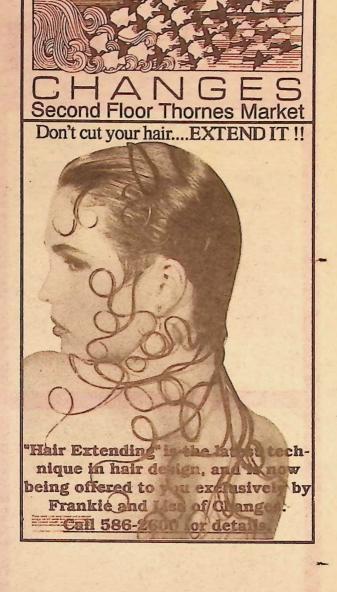


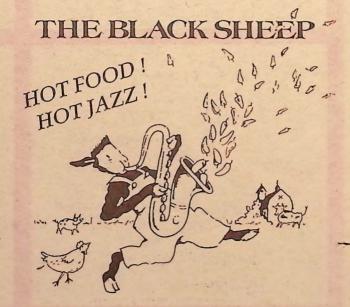












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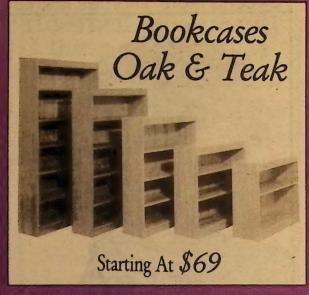
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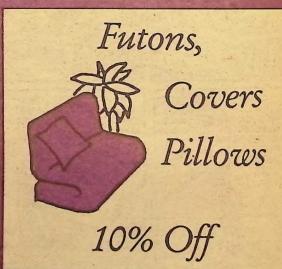












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